

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

August 21, 2006

CALL TO PODIUM:

Jacqueline Marsh

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Jacqueline Marsh, Planner

Patricia Patula, Planner

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Commission
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: Certificate of Approval

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION****Approval of Certificate of Approval:**

HAWP- 103 Applicant: Ollie Mumpower for City of Gaithersburg
Department of Public Works
Streetscape Improvements for Brookes Avenue

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

At their meeting of August 3, 2006, the HPAC held a public hearing on this application for streetscape improvements on Brookes Avenue. This project includes narrowing of the residential portion of Brookes Avenue, along its south side, from 32 to 36 feet. The existing sidewalk will be widened to a five foot sidewalk with a three foot width of green space. At the Brookes Avenues intersections with both Russell and Park Avenue, neck downs (bulbouts) will be added to reduce the street width to 23 feet.

After this work is complete, the street will be overlaid and new crosswalks with a decorative feature will be provided at the Brookes Avenues intersections with both Russell and Parks Avenues.

Shirley Webber, 24 Brookes Avenue, stated she was opposed to the street narrowing and suggested Brookes be regarded instead.

David Ciafalo, 15 Brookes Avenue, inquired about the materials for the new sidewalk and the exact locations of the proposed work.

Tom Blaser, 19 Brookes Avenue, asked if the decreased width of the streets would affect the speed of vehicles traveling through the neighborhood and if snow removal would be impacted.

Bob Dryzygula, 16 Walker Avenue, stated that the narrowing of the street on Walker Avenue had an impact on the speed of traffic.

In response to the public questioning, Mr. Ollie Mumpower, from the City of Gaithersburg's Department of Public Works, answered that the new materials of the sidewalks will be concrete, the narrowing of the streets will begin in front of 11 Brookes Avenue, snow removal will not be affected, and after the work is completed, cars should travel at a slower speed.

continued

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Vote on HAWP-103.

The HPAC unanimously recommended approval, finding the request to be in compliance with Secretary of Interior Standard One, which states a property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its side and environment. The streetscape improvements will preserve the residential historic nature and streetscape of the neighborhood. This application is also in conformance with the design guidelines of the Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District.

Staff and HPAC recommend the HDC make the following motion:

Grant approval of HAWP-103 and issue the Certificate of Approval, finding, based on the record before HPAC and for the reasons articulated by HPAC, that the application meets Secretary of Interior Standard One and the Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District Guidelines.

HPAC Public Hearing – August 3, 2006
HDC Review – August 21, 2006

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HAWP-103**

**Applicant: City of Gaithersburg
Brookes Avenue
Streetscape Improvements**

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2.	Letter from Ollie Mumpower, Director of Engineering Services
3.	Proposed streetscape improvement locations
4.	Streetscape details
5.	Notice to include legal ad for public hearing in July 26, 2006 issue of <i>Gaithersburg Gazette</i>
6.	Public hearing notice, sent July 24, 2006, to required parties
7.	By Reference: Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 66B, Historic Resources
8.	By Reference: Secretary of Interior Standards
9.	By Reference: HD-14 Designation Documents
10.	By Reference: Qualifications of HPAC, HDC, and staff
11.	By Reference: Historic Preservation Ordinance
12.	By Reference: Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District Guidelines
13.	Letter from Glenn Todd, dated July 19, 2006
14.	Letter from Dave Humpton, dated July 28, 2006
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17.	Letter from Dave Humpton, dated August 7, 2006

HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

In accordance with Chapter 24, Article XII of the City Code.

Application Number	HAWP-103
Date Filed	7.20.06
Application Completed	7.20.06
HPAC Hearing/Review	8.3.06
HDC Hearing/Review	8.21.06
Decision	_____
Date of Decision	_____

1. SUBJECT PROPERTY

Address **BROOKES AVE**
 Lot _____ Block _____ Subdivision **Russell + Brookes Add. to G-burg**
 Tax Account Number _____

2. APPLICANT/OWNER/AUTHORIZED AGENT

Name **City of Gaithersburg-Ollie Mumpower** Telephone **301-258-6370**
 Address _____

3. OWNER OF RECORD (IF NOT APPLICANT)

Name **City of Gaithersburg** Telephone **301-258-6330**
 Address _____

2. TYPE OF WORK (CHECK APPROPRIATE)

- ☒ Visible from public way
☐ Not visible from public way

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Additions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signage | <input type="checkbox"/> Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation | <input type="checkbox"/> In-kind Replacement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities (meters, cables, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous |

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK

Street improvements -
Aprox. locations: 11 Brookes to 201 Brookes Ave.

5. HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT PROCESS AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGES 2-7)

I have read and understand the attached information regarding process and requirements in obtaining a Historic Area Work Permit.

Signature **Jacqueline Marsh for Ollie Mumpower** Date **7.20.06**

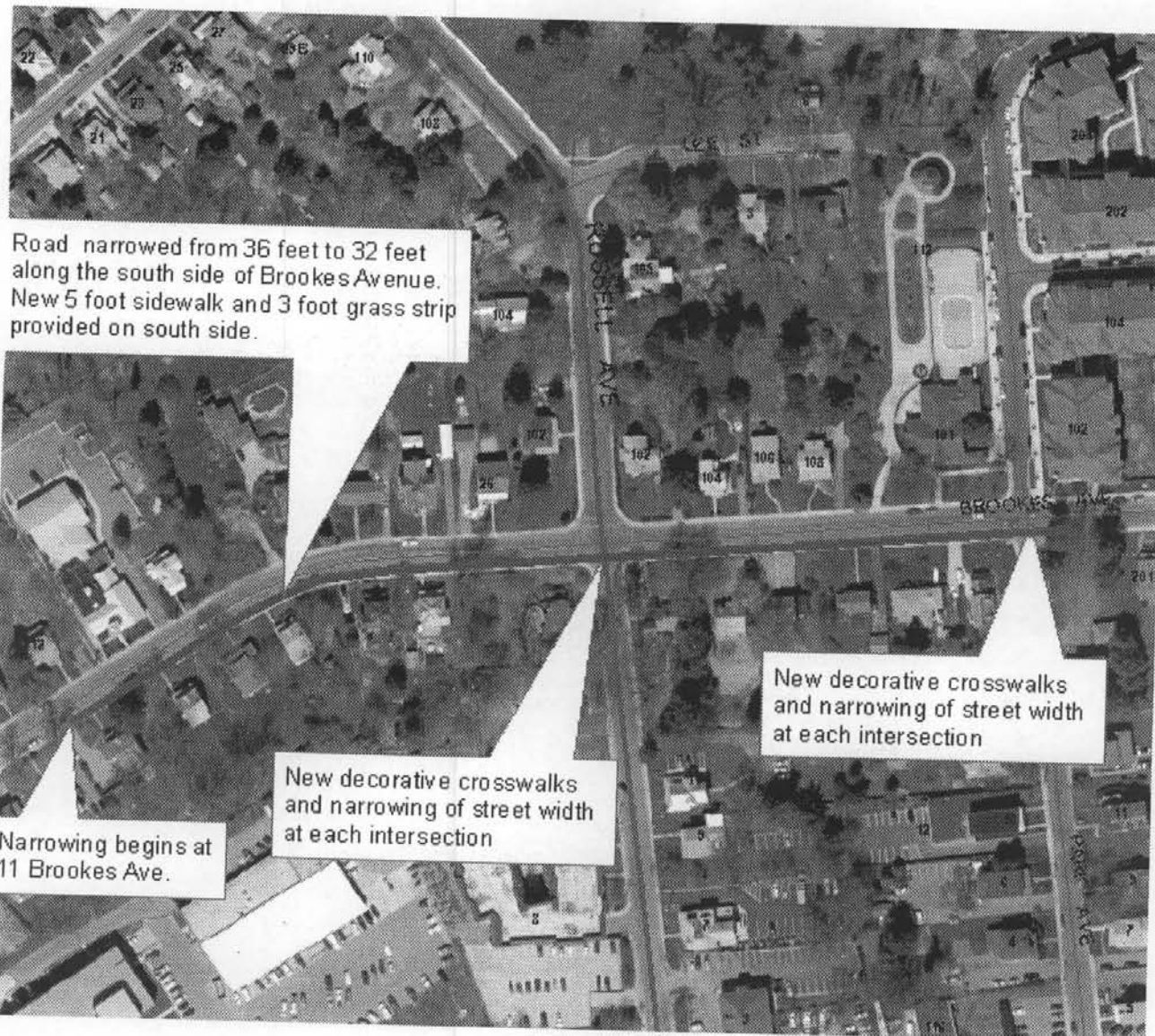
July 20, 2006

This project includes the narrowing of the residential portion of Brookes Avenue, along its south side, from 36 to 32 feet. The limits of this project will be from in front of 11 Brookes Avenue to a point 30 feet west of Park Avenue. The existing 4 foot sidewalk will be removed along the south side and in its place will be a 5 foot sidewalk and a three foot green space. At the Brookes Avenues intersection with both Russell and Parks Avenue neck downs (bulbouts) will be added to further reduce the street width to 23 feet. At the existing raised crosswalk the road may also be narrowed.

After this work is complete the street will be overlaid and new crosswalks with a decorative feature will be provided at the Brookes Avenues intersection with both Russell and Parks Avenue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ollie K. Mumpower". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ollie" being the most prominent.

Ollie K. Mumpower
Engineering Services Director
Department of Public Works, Parks Maintenance and Engineering

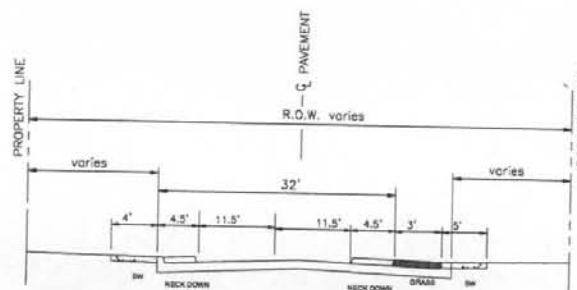
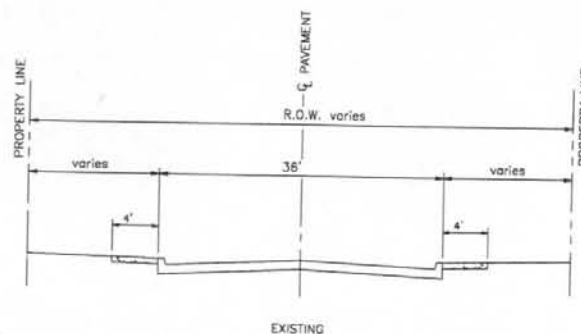


Road narrowed from 36 feet to 32 feet along the south side of Brookes Avenue. New 5 foot sidewalk and 3 foot grass strip provided on south side.

New decorative crosswalks and narrowing of street width at each intersection

New decorative crosswalks and narrowing of street width at each intersection

Narrowing begins at 11 Brookes Ave.



Brookes Avenue

PROPOSED - NTS

- * Reduce cross section 4 feet - provide new 5' SW and 3' grass strip on south side
- * Decorative crosswalks, by others, at Russell and Park Avenues
- * Modify crosswalk and neckdown at church
- * Use neckdowns to narrow Russell and Park Avenues - 4.5 feet wide, 30 feet long tie into to edge of pavement with 5 ft. radius
- * Use neckdown to separate commercial and residential area - 4.5 feet wide, 30 feet long with appropriate taper
- * Future island at MD 355 entrance

BROOKES AVENUE TYPICAL/PROPOSED CROSS SECTION



July 20, 2006

Ashby Rice, Law Section
The Gaithersburg Gazette
P.O. Caller 6006
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20884

Dear Ashby:

Please publish the following legal advertisement in the **July 26, 2006**, issue of the *Gaithersburg Gazette*.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Marsh
Jacqueline Marsh, Planner
Planning and Code Administration

ASSIGN CODE: HAWP-103

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee of the City of Gaithersburg will conduct a public hearing on HAWP-103, filed by Ollie Mumpower for the City of Gaithersburg, on

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 3, 2006
AT 7:30 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard in the Council Chambers at 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The application requests a certificate of approval from the City's Historic District Commission for streetscape improvements on **Brookes Avenue**. §24-228 of the City Code (Zoning Ordinance) requires a historic area work permit for altering exterior features of historic resources. The subject properties are located in the Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District.

Further information may be obtained from the Planning and Code Administration Department at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Jacqueline Marsh, Planner
Planning and Code Administration
Acct# 133649

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Gaithersburg Historic Preservation Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below.

Meeting: **Historic Preservation Advisory Committee**
Application Type: **Historic Area Work Permit Request**
File Number: **HAWP-103**
Location: **Brookes Avenue**
Applicant: **Ollie Mumpower, for the City of Gaithersburg**
Development: **Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District**
Day/ Date/Time: **Thursday, August 3, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**
Place: **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GAITHERSBURG CITY HALL
31 SOUTH SUMMIT AVENUE**

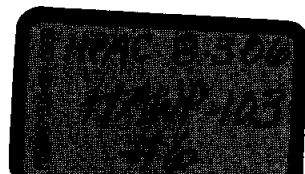
IMPORTANT

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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

By: *Jacqueline Marsh*
Jacqueline Marsh, Planner
Planning and Code Administration

SEE LOCATION MAP ON REVERSE SIDE



NOTICES SENT THIS DAY 24th OF JULY, 2006, TO:

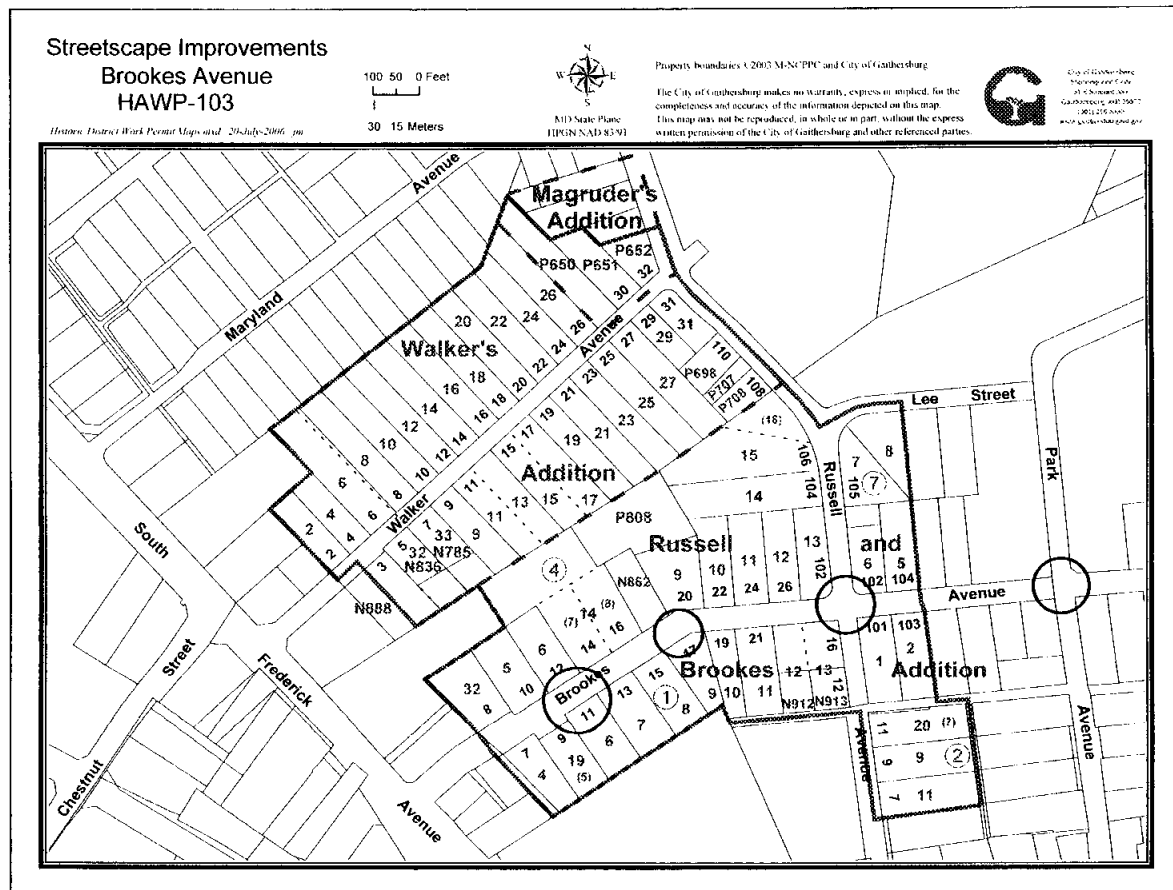
APPLICANT AND INTERESTED PARTIES

(A list of interested parties and agencies is available in the file in the Planning and Code Administration.)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

LOCATION MAP



ASBURY METHODIST HOME INC
301 RUSSELL AVENUE
GAITHERSBURG MD 20877

PELPA INC
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GAITHERSBURG MD 20877

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July 19, 2006

Mr. Sidney Katz, Mayor
City of Gaithersburg
31 S. Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2098

Dear Mayor Katz:

It has just come to my attention that the City plans to precede with the narrowing of Brookes Ave. I called City Engineer, Ollie Mumpower, but I also wanted get my objection on the record. I object on two significant points. First, is the process, and the second is the impact on businesses on the west end of the street.

As a property owner in a "Residential Buffer Zone" we have to be considerate of our residential neighbors in the way that we maintain our property and any changes that we might want to make. Although we cannot expect all of the residents to reciprocate and understand the fundamental needs of our businesses, we do expect the City to help protect our interest.

A couple years ago, I received a notice of a meeting about the streets. I attended, participated, and assumed that I would receive similar notice when and if the idea progressed through the city system. Today, I see a city employee painting the street in front of my business. It seems ironic that I need to get a HWAP to paint our building, or to remove a dying tree, yet the City can proceed to narrow my street and effectively remove adequate parking in front of our building.

The second point is about the details of the plan. There are fifteen people that work full or part time at 7 Brookes Ave. We have 10 parking spots in the rear of the building. We rely on the street parking for our clients, and sometimes for ourselves. If the road is made narrower (excuse me, the sidewalk made wider), it will be difficult for my elderly clients to enter and exit their vehicles safely. The sidewalk & curb at 7 Brookes is already 7'4" wide. I really don't think it needs to be 4' wider! I would ask that if any modifications to the width of our street are made, that they start east of 9 & 10 Brookes Avenue, in the residential neighborhood.

I'm sure no one appreciates delivery trucks to Mattress Discounters, and the UPS and FedEx trucks that come to all of the business, but they are a necessity. If they are parked on a narrowed street, it will present an obstacle, and a hazard. The trucks backing into Mattress Discounters need to use the full width of the street to maneuver into their lot. Why not place the proposed island at the entrance to the residential

portion of our street, beyond 9&10 Brookes Ave., instead of at the sloped intersection with Rt. 355. That would let the businesses be the buffer to transition from the commercial corridor of RT 355 to the residential neighborhood.

If you want to see a street designed by committee, drive westward on Chestnut. With all of its lane drops, lane shifts, raised crosswalks, and traffic lights, there are no less than a dozen "traffic claming" features within one block. And my guess is there are still complaints from the residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen', written in a cursive style.

Glen Todd

Cc: Ollie Mumpower, City Engineer
Dave Humpton, City Manager
Rodney Thompson, 8 Brookes Ave
Dan Rawlings, 9 Brookes Ave
Valdimir Gomez, 10 Brookes Ave
Mattress Discounters, 101 N. Frederick Ave



July 28, 2006

Mr. Glen Todd
Glen Todd and Company
7 Brookes Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland @0877

Dear Mr. ~~Todd~~: *Glen*

Thank you for your letter of July 19, 2006 to Mayor Katz regarding the Brookes Avenue streetscape project.

It is my understanding that you have discussed the project with Engineering Services Director Ollie Mumpower and he informed you that the markings in the field were placed there to give an ideal of where work would occur. This was done so that cost estimates could be developed for this project. This project will begin at 11 Brookes Avenue and not in front of 7 Brookes Avenue as originally marked in the field. This was a field mistake, as the intent of the project was always to provide a sense of where the business portion of Brookes Avenue ends and the residential portion begins. I am sorry if there was confusion about this.

The Brookes Avenue streetscape project requires a Historic Area Work Permit. The City's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) will discuss this item at their next meeting on August 3, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Gaithersburg City Hall. I understand that you have received notice of this meeting.

It is my understanding that Ollie Mumpower has discussed this project with you, and it is his understanding that your concerns have been addressed by relocating the start of the project to its intended location in front of 11 Brookes Avenue. If this is not the case, please contact me. In addition to the HPAC meeting, the HDC/Mayor and City Council is expected to review the plans on August 21, 2006. This meeting will be announced at the HPAC public hearing on August, 3, 2006 and placed on the City's website.

I trust this letter is responsive to your concerns. We look forward to working with you on this and other projects. If you would like to discuss this project or have any questions, please contact me at 301-258-6363, ext. 2105.

Sincerely,

David B. Humpton
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Council
Ollie Mumpower, Engineering Services Director
Patricia Patula, Planner

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CITY MANAGER
David B. Humpton

From: David B. Humpton
To: debbie johnson
Date: 08/03/2006 8:59:48 AM
Subject: Re: Re Streetscape Improvement Brookes Ave

Dear Ms. Johnson: Thank you for your email. A copy of it will be sent to the Mayor and City Council in their next reading package. We appreciate your interest in this project.

David B. Humpton
City Manager
City of Gaithersburg

>>> "debbie johnson" <debbiekjohnson@hotmail.com> 08/02/2006 4:17 PM >>>

Dear Mayor Katz:

I work on Brookes Avenue and I hear there is a plan to decrease the width of the street. Please reconsider this.

The speed bump that was put in the middle of the block has not stopped speeding or traffic. I can't see how decreasing the width of the street is going to help speeding or deter people from using Brookes as a cut through. It will be a headache for those of us who must use Brookes and are not violators.

There are always people over the line down near the 4-way stop (there's a bit of a curve/hill where I'm talking about). It will be a huge mess if the street is narrowed. It is hard to back out of the drive at 5 and I think it will be worse if the street is narrowed.

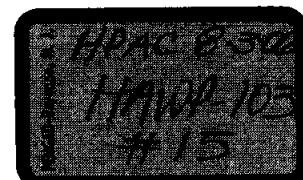
I heard that decreasing the size of Walker (or Maryland?) Avenue did not help and that people routinely have their mirrors knocked off due to being hit by traffic. A lot of residents park on the street on Brookes. Normally I think Gaithersburg does an excellent job but in this case I think it's an awful idea. Police need to enforce the speed limit, especially when school is in session. I see school kids and school buses speeding at 2:30 each day and also at 5 p.m. School kids speed and cut up Park Avenue to come out on Summit. Maybe if something was done about that it would encourage them to go another route.

In Rockville police have set up radar on Twinbrook Parkway (between Old Baltimore Road and Veirs Mill) so often that I never see anyone speeding on that street. Why can't this be done? Development shouldn't be encouraged. We have too many cars on the road now.!

Debbie Johnson

9 Brookes Avenue, Gaithersburg MD 20877

CC: Ollie Mumpower; Patula, Patricia; Sidney Katz



Thompson Properties

9 North Summit Avenue, Suite 201
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
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July 25, 2006

Mayor Sidney Katz and
Gaithersburg City Council
31 South Summit Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Council, sitting as the Historical Committee, is making a grave mistake in narrowing Brookes Avenue. I know this was proposed and planned two or three years ago. It may or may not have been appropriate then, but a new study should be made now.

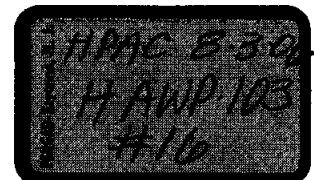
Demographics have changed and traffic has changed too since the original study made about five years ago. Residents who were very vocal at that time have moved away. No one seems to like living on Brookes Avenue anymore, not because of traffic, but for others reasons including the cost or maintenance older homes. Only three long term residents still live there. It is a main thoroughfare to Olde Towne especially from Russell Ave. to North Summit.

Narrowing the street in those two blocks will create one lane traffic. Cars in one direction and the other at the same time will have to stop between parked cars to allow the other one to pass. This in itself is a safety hazard.

The City allowed a developer to over-build new apartments on Park Avenue extended with unbelievable density creating even more traffic on what is now a two way street. Both full travel lanes are needed.

I have observed little excess speed as I have concentrated on traffic in the past week or so. Before you act on outdated study, a remote radar study should be made. The raised crosswalk and stop signs have been very effective in dampening and slowing traffic. Reducing to one lane traffic will be a hazard.

Business owners in Olde Towne are very concerned about anything that will deter people for coming downtown. Many are concerned that their business has dropped off in recent years. Access from Russell Ave, is very important.



On a more personal and selfish note, I own both 7 and 8 Brooks Avenue and we rely on the street parking spaces just as the other two residential buffer properties do. We hope plans will be changed to eliminate narrowing in front of these four multi-use buildings.

In summery, narrowing Brookes Avenue is, in my opinion, not cost effective. The cost of maintaining the little grass plots is an added expense too. You may remember I was opposed to this narrowing project as a member of Historical Advisory Committee. I resigned from that committee because they practice funnel vision and seem to be unconcerned about the effect of change historical on Olde Towne Commercial Businesses .

Thank you for your re-consideration on this project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney M. Thompson", with a stylized, flowing script.

RODNEY M. THOMPSON



August 7, 2006

Mr. Rodney Thompson
9 North Summit Avenue, Suite 201
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of July 25, 2006 to Mayor Katz regarding the Brookes Avenue streetscape project. This letter has been placed in the public record.

The Brookes Avenue streetscape project requires a Historic Area Work Permit. The City's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) met on August 3, 2006 and will be submitting a recommendation to the Historic District Commission (HDC) to move forward with the project as soon as possible. As you are aware, the HDC is made up of the Mayor and City Council.

It is my understanding that Ollie Mumpower has discussed this project with you, and it is his understanding that many of your concerns have been addressed by relocating the start of the project to its intended location in front of 11 Brookes Avenue. In addition to the HPAC meeting, the HDC/Mayor and City Council is expected to review the plans and probably take action on a contract on August 21, 2006.

I trust this letter is responsive to your concerns. We look forward to working with you on this and other projects. If you would like to discuss this project or have any questions, please contact Ollie Mumpower at 301-258-6370.

Sincerely,

David B. Humpton
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Council
Ollie Mumpower, Engineering Services Director
Patricia Patula, Planner ✓

